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## BUSINESS IN THE OTHER COURTS.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday Judge Benedict resumed the trial of criminal cases. Joseph D. King, James F. Clarke, William T. Ramsey and William Sutton were indicted and tried for smuggling brandy and other articles on board the British steamer Denmark. After the prosecution had closed, there being a variance between the proof and the allegations in the indictment, the Court was about directing a verdict for the defendants, when the District Attorney entered a motion for a continuance of the trial.

The case of John H. Scholl, pension agent, who is charged with having charged more than the law allows for the collection of a pension for one Peter Alheim, was up before Commissioner Shields yesterday. The evidence on both sides has closed, and the matter now rests for the decision of the Commissioner.

In the Supreme Court General Term yesterday, Judges Ingraham and Davis upon the bench, argument upon a motion for a new trial for Stokes was ordered to be peremptorily set down for a hearing on the 23d of next month. Stokes' counsel asked for more time, but the Court was unyielding on the point.

After completing the jury yesterday morning to try, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, Charles Cordes, indicted for the murder of John Dann, the trial was proceeded with without further delay. When the Court adjourned, the testimony for the prosecution had all been submitted. The defense will enter upon its testimony this morning and the expectation is that the trial will be concluded to-day.

In an inquest yesterday before Judge Sedgwick, of the Superior Court, a verdict of \$20,000 damages was given against A. B. Chalmers, a lawyer, for alleged breach of promise of marriage. The story of the complaint, Miss Phoebe A. Lower, which will be found in the report of the case elsewhere, makes up a narration of painfully thrilling interest.

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The lengthy story published some six weeks ago in the HERALD, based upon the affidavit of Mrs. Moses V. Beach, and reciting the particulars of certain business transactions between herself and Mr. James S. Myers, is doubtless still fresh in the public memory. It will be remembered that upon the complaint of Mrs. Beach an order of arrest was granted against Myers. Motion was made before Judge Fancher, at the Supreme Court, Chambers, to vacate the order of arrest.

Mr. Jordan, who appeared on behalf of Mr. Myers, urged that the motion should be granted, on the ground that Mrs. Beach's affidavit was untrue, and that she had been swindled by Myers out of some forty-five thousand dollars, which she is endeavoring to get back through recourse to the Courts.

THE CORDES-DANN HOMICIDE.

Opening of the Case and Testimony for the Prosecution—Particulars of the Tragedy as Given by Eye-Witnesses—Medical Treatment of the Deceased and Suggestive Intimation of the Prisoner's Counsel.

The Court of Oyer and Terminer was again crowded yesterday morning. Judge Brady, with his usual promptness, was punctually in his place, and